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FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO PRG AND GRUNK TO LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 222074; (B) STATE 221353; (C) STATE 219689

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AMIR
MOKRI HAS INFORMED US THAT IRAN SEES NO DIFFICULTY IN
VOTING AGAINST RPT AGAINST INVITING PRO-SIHANOUK GRUNK
TO PARTICIPATE IN LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. MOKRI PROMISED
TO SEND A PRIORITY CABLE TO IRANIAN DELEGATION AT UNITED

NATIONS INSTRUCTING DELEGATION TO VOTE AGAINST INVITATION
TO GRUNK.

2. POLCOUN ON NOVEMBER 11 GAVE MOKRI USG ARGUMENTS
(REFTEL B) AGAINST INVITING PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT-VN TO ATTEND LOS CONFERENCE AND EXPLAINED THAT WE DID
NOT BELIEVE IRANIAN PARTICIPATION IN ICCS WOULD
PRECLUDE AN IRANIAN DECISION TO VOTE AGAINST INVITATION
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TO PRG. MOKRI HEDGED. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION

NOVEMBER 12 MOKRI SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH UNDERSECRETARY MANUCHEHR FARTASH (NO 2 IN MINISTRY) WHOSE REACTION WAS THAT VOTING AGAINST SEATING PRG "MADE PROBLEMS" FOR GOI IN VIEW IRAN'S PARTICIPTION IN ICCS. AFTER WE AGAIN URGED NEGATIVE VOTE, MOKRI PROMISED DISCUSS MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI AND CABLE IRANIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK.

3. COMMENT: OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT IRAN IS LIKELY TO ABSTAIN ON INVITING PRG. PERHAPS STRONG REPRESENTATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND USUN TO IRANIANS MIGHT HOLD SOME PROSPECT OF INDUCING A NEGATIVE VOTE. END COMMENT

4. RE PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFTTEL B, IT IS CORRECT TO SAY THAT IRAN MAINTAINS FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND A SOUTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE HAS RECENTLY TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN TEHRAN. HOWEVER, AS OF AUGUST 4 IRAN AND NORTH VIETNAM ALSO GRANTED FULL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO EACH OTHER. NEITHER COUNTRY HAS YET SENT RESIDENT DIPLOMATS TO THE OTHER. IRAN ALSO HAS NO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON AND HAS NO IMMEDIATE INTENTION OF SENDING ANY ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCES.
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